As regards the Andhra Pradesh .Labour Welfare Fund Bill, 198&, it was received on 17.9.86 and' is aging the attending of the Government of India, and is likely to be finalised soon

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India's exports

1754. SUM RAM AWADHESH IGH; Will the Minister of COMMERCE b$_e$ pleased to state;

(a) whether it is $_a$ fact that India's exports have improved during 1986 87 as reported i$_n$ th$_e$ Hindu of the 30th May, 1987; if so, what ar$_e$ the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lorts have improved largely due to exports of fruits and vegetables, .meat, marine and fish products, all which are essential protective ioods already in short supply especially for the vulnerable groups;

(c) whether higher exports are due to the export of animal fe which are again in short supply ding to gift imports of milk pro- is even with the attendant danger of radioactivity; and >

<di whether a rational national policy will be evolved in regard to exports $^{aS\ eve}$ri small exports of the above items have a spiralling effect On the consumer prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN E MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRL P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) According to the provisional data, India's exports during 1986-87 amounted to Rs. 12550.06 crore$_s$ as compared to Rs-10420.37 crores, during 1985-86, thereby registering a growth of 20.4 per cent.

(b) The exports of Fruit$_s$ and Vegetables declined from Rs. 175 crores during 1985-86 to Rs. 14G erores during 1986-87. The exports of meat; and meat products incrcM i Rs. 72 crores during 1985-86. to Rs. 76 crores during ' 1986-87. The export of Marine products increased *~™« R« 3RR $_c$rore6 during 1985-86 to Rs. 477 crores during 1986-87. These items put together have accounted only for an increase of Rs. 65 crores out of a total increase of Rs. 2130 crores in India's exports during 1986-87 as compared to 1985-86. I$_n$ terms of domestic availability, the exports of these items constitute a very small percentage -which will not substantially affect availability of thes$_e$ itenig in the domestic market.

(c) The exports ^{of} oil cakes show ed a substantial improvement during 1986 87 largely on account of higher off-tak$_t$. of soyameal extracffOh. The animal- husbandry practices presently being followed in most parts of the country and the cost of purchasing animal feed$_s$ which has become a determent has resulted i$_n$ generating exportable surplus of oil meals in the country. The export$_s$ of oil. its are not, therefore, being conducted at the cost of domestic availability. The exports $_0$f oil meals are also not ijj any way related to the gift import of milk products.

(d) The ^exports of item$_s$ ar$_e$ per mitted keeping into view th$_e$ aspects of domestic availability and internal prices of various commodities of mass consumpton. The Export Policy i,; framed only after visualising the quantum of exportable surplu$_s$ avai lable , in each commodity. The Export Policy of price sensitive items such ag onions ^{etc}- is also controlled with a view to ensuring that domestic consumers do not suffer on account of exports. The Policy is also reviewed from time t$_0$ time t$_0$ ensure that necessary changes are made M required keep ing in view the interest of domestic consumers.

Closure of Sriram Rayon's Kota plant

1755. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRO-DIA: 'Will'the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether Sriram Rayon has finally applied to the Government of

Rajasthan for shitting down their Kota plant;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of labourers who are likel/ to be affected as a result thereof; and

(d) whether Go eminent propose to take any actio i to safeguard the interests of the workers and ir no t, what are the rea* >ns therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF ' THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANJMA); (a) to (e) According to Govt rnment of Rajasthan. the appropr at0 authority in this case, the miinagement of Sri ram Rayons, Kota had submitted an application on 9-3- L987 under section 25(0) of the A.D. Act, 1947 seeking: permission of the State Government to close down I he establishment mainly for reasons of obsolete tech-^ nology* and labour unrest. The application for closure was considered and rejected by the State Government by an order passed on 7.5.87. On 21.5.87, the rranagement made a further application seeking reference of the if jue relating to closure to the Tribunal for adjudication. The matter 51 under the consideration of the State Government. The closure if pen litted, is likely to affect 1539 workers

(d) Does not arl e.

Landing of Indian Sikhs in Canada

1756. SHRI R, N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HC ME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether iiovernment are aware that 174 Indian ISikhp had landed at Charlesville in Canada by boat and that they had reportedly left India on the 2«th May last; and

(b) if slo, what are the circum stances under which these Sikhs could leave the co mtry in an un authorised manner and their escape could not be detect d^

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN ' THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) and (b) According to information available 174 persons, most of whom were sikhs had landed at Charlesville by boat on July 12, 1987. The group included 4 Pakistanis and Turkish woman. Enquiries have not established that they left Lndia on May 20 1987. as claimed by them. The Canadian investigators have on the other hand established ' that the ship by which they travelled had set sail from Rotterdam in Holland.

विदेशी पादरियों को भारत छोड़ने का आदेश

1757. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या **गृह** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिल्ली से प्रकाशित होने वाले दिनांक 13 जुलाई, 1987 के "जनसत्ता" में "तीन विदेश पादरियों को भारत छोड़ने का आदेश" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) उन विदेशी पादरियों के नाम तथा उनकी राष्ट्रीयता क्या है जिनके संबंध में बिहार और मध्य प्रदेश की राज्य सरकारों ने उनके क्रिया-कलापों को देश के लिये खतरनाक समझकर उन्हें देश से निष्कासित करने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार से सिफारिश की है ; और

(ग) इनमें से उन पादरियों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें राज्य सरकारों द्वारा उनके निष्कासन की सिफारिश किये जाने के बावजूद केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उन्हें भारत में निश्चित अवधि के समाप्त हो जाने के बाद कुछ और समय के लिए रहने की अनुमति प्रदान की गई और उनकी यह अवधि और कितने समय के लिये बढ़ाई गई ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) जी, हां, श्रीमान ।